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MEMORANDUM FOR: (See Distribution)

SUBJECT: SCOPE COTTON Status Meeting (OSA Staff)

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1. The meeting was opened with preliminary comments by [ ] noting the briefing was informal and that it be accepted as a "give and take" explanation of problem areas. Copies of the charts shown at the meeting are attached.

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2. A chart depicting the schedule for disposition of OXCART articles and its relationship to the operational concept through 30 November 1967 and subsequent phase-down activities [ ] was reviewed.

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3. [ ] stated that an in-house proposal is being considered for execution of [ ] (OXCART redeployment) on 18 November 1967. This plan would withdraw the third and last article from Kadena on 29 November 1967. He further proposed the Intelligence Community accept a two week stand down on operations as he feels the operations facilities at Kadena will not support both activities. [ ] stated at this point that a four week stand down would be more realistic and should be imposed to effect a smooth transition.

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NRO and USAF review(s) completed.

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4. General statements by [ ] at this point in the meeting:

a. Materiel would plan and program on the basis of an 18 November 1967 execution date of [ ]

b. At the level Materiel is expending for spares; (approximately one-half of what is normal for this type of operation), by 30 November 1967 there will only be sufficient spares to support five aircraft for ninety days.

c. A 1 October 1967 "Go-No-Go Date" decision on the SR-71 from Dr. Flax has been requested.

5. Discussion on August "Actions":

a. Disposition of [ ]

1. [ ] stated that this was going to the Navy.

b. Disposition of [ ]

1. After discussion on expending [ ] for a hatch, [ ] stated that this should be stored at Warner-Robins AFB, for the IDEALIST program.

c. [ ] discussed the security aspects relating to the articles movement from [ ] to the Palmdale Facility. "Take-off Black and File En Route".

6. Discussion on September "Actions":

a. [ ] stated, as a result of informal discussions with AFRDR-P, that SAC film processing would be performed at [ ]. This would cancel the requirement for movement of twenty-five processing vans.

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b. A meeting was held earlier this month between SAC representatives and OSA Communications in which SAC identified the Commo assets that they required.

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[redacted] stated that it has largely been resolved as to what Commo equipment would be turned over to SAC.

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c. [redacted] mentioned at this point that he feels less than 35% commonality in equipment exists between SAC and OSA. Also, based on his experience with SAC, that the [redacted] facilities and housing establishment is not large enough to accommodate the SAC detachment. With regard to SAC's advance party to Kadena, [redacted] stated that they (SAC) should have a plan on how they hope to take over operations at Kadena before the group goes out.

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7. Discussion on October "Actions":

a. Overlap in Commo Support

1. [redacted] suggested that the 4252nd Commo area be explored for space in which SAC can operate during this period. The present Kadena Commo area is just sufficient to house the smaller OSA requirement for personnel and equipment space.

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8. Discussion on November-December "Actions":

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a. [redacted] stated that under [redacted] each aircraft redeployment from Kadena would, in the event opportunity develops for a concurrent operational mission, be operationally configured.

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b. [redacted] discussed various locations for storing OXCART historical, tech data and contractual documents. Among the locations mentioned were: [redacted] and Palmdale.

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c. [ ] raised the question on the [ ] facility [ ] as to who is responsible for having it moved to Eglin AFB, Florida. [ ] replied that if the Air Force wants the facility, they will make the arrangements, provide the people and move it under an Air Force contract. If the facility is not moved, then it will be stored in-place.

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d. All of the manufacturing capability for OXCART, e.g., tooling, special equipment, will become the responsibility of the Air Force, [ ] NRO Custodian.

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e. No ground Commo gear or peculiar equipment, [ ] AGE and spares of use to the U-2R will be stored at Palmdale.

9. Major decisions Pending:

a. SAC Plan

b. New OSA Logistics Plan based on 9a:

c. Disposition of [ ] at Kadena.

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10. Concluding Statement:

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[ ] brought the meeting to a close with a statement concerning OSA's personnel maintaining a professional attitude during the change-over; particularly, in their working relations with SAC personnel.

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[ ]  
Chief, PRD/M/OSA

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